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Veterans Grant Resource Guide

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About This Guide

This **Veterans Grant Resource Guide** is intended to be used in conjunction with our more general **Grant Resource Guide**, which contains information about identifying and applying for federal grants.

Each year, 26 federal agencies award federal grants to support community initiatives, research, infrastructure programs, and public interest projects, all relevant to the work and/or goals of that agency. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis or distributed under a formula. The majority of federal grant recipients are state and local government agencies who then distribute funds to smaller entities.

The **Grant Resource Guide** includes the following topic areas:

- What is a Federal Grant?
- Finding Grant Opportunities
- Determining Eligibility
- Applying for Grants
- Awarding Grants: The Process
- Additional Resources
- Letter of Support

This **Veterans Grant Resource Guide** provides information about federal agencies which offer grants in this field, as well as examples of grants currently offered.

For more information about the grant process, to discuss a letter of support, or for any other questions, please contact Shawn Meredith at Shawn.Meredith@mail.house.gov

Please note: Funding information and application deadlines are subject to change. Potential applicants should regularly check grants.gov and the funding agency's grants webpage for the most up-to-date information.

Federal Agencies and Available Grants

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

USDA utilizes science and public policy to improve economic opportunity in rural areas, promote agricultural production, and preserve natural resources. To achieve this goal, the Department offers an array of funding avenues that assist with projects that bring housing, community facilities, business guarantees, utilities and other services to rural America.

For more information about USDA grants and programs, please visit the USDA page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or usda.gov/topics/farming/grants-and-loans

Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans Competitive Grants Program

Current Grant.gov close date: March 23, 2021

This program provides grants to non-profits to increase the number of military veterans gaining knowledge and skills through comprehensive, hands-on and immersive model farm and ranch programs offered regionally that lead to successful careers in the food and agricultural sector. The program encourages the development of training opportunities specifically designed for military veterans. AgVets projects will offer onsite, hands-on training and classroom education leading to a comprehensive understanding of successful farm and ranch operations and management practices. Projects may also offer workforce readiness and employment prospects for service-disabled veterans. Ensuring there are pathways for military veterans interested in pursuing careers in agriculture — regardless of age or production choice — strengthens agricultural production and rural economies across the United States. NIFA requests applications for the AgVets to provide grants to nonprofit organizations for training programs and services to establish and enhance farming and ranching opportunities for military veterans.

*For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **USDA-NIFA-OP-008118** or nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/enhancing-agricultural-opportunities-military-veterans*

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

The Department awards discretionary funding through over 20 Grant programs that support specific HUD initiatives, including Affordable Housing Development and Preservation, Community and Economic Development, Environment and Energy, Fair Housing, Homelessness, Homeownership, Rental Assistance, and Supportive Housing and Services.

For more information about HUD grants and programs, please visit the HUD page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps

Tribal HUD-VA Supportive Housing (VASH) Expansion

Current Grants.gov close date: April 22, 2021

Grantees use funding towards rental assistance and supportive services for Native American Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, living on or near a reservation or other Indian areas. Under Tribal HUD-VASH, Indian Tribes and TDHEs must partner with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide case management and supportive services, including healthcare assistance, to eligible Native American Veterans.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **FR-6400-N-73** or hud.gov/program_offices/spm/qmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy20_tribal_hud_vash

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

DOJ offers funding opportunities to support law enforcement and public safety activities in state, local, and tribal jurisdictions; to assist victims of crime; to provide training and technical assistance; to conduct research; and to implement programs that improve the criminal, civil, and juvenile justice systems.

For more information about DOJ grants, please visit the DOJ page on grants.gov or justice.gov/grants

Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program

Current Grants.gov close date: March 31, 2021

Through this program, BJA is seeking applications to implement and enhance drug court services, including service coordination, management of drug court participants, and recovery support services. This program provides resources to state, local, and federally recognized tribal governments to enhance drug court programs and systems for nonviolent offenders and veterans with addictions, including stimulant and opioid abuse and overdose.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **O-BJA-2021-46003** or bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-46003

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

DOL's stated mission is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights. Through funding opportunities, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits. These services are primarily provided through state and local workforce development systems

For more information about DOL grants and programs, please visit the DOL page on grants.gov or dol.gov/agencies/eta/grants or the DOL page on grants.gov

Stand Down (SD) Grants

Current Grants.gov close date: December 31, 2021

A Stand Down is a non-competitive grant that is awarded to organizations to provide basic services to homeless veterans such as showers, haircuts, attention to health concerns, and other collaborative services to give participants a greater sense of self and an opportunity to improve their chances of securing and maintaining employment. Veterans experiencing homelessness do not always have access to basic hygiene supplies that are necessary to maintain their health and appearance. Also, the lack of shelter limits their ability to prepare for and present themselves at job interviews or be contacted for follow-up. These grants funds must be used to enhance employment and training opportunities or to promote the self-sufficiency of homeless veterans through paid work.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **VPL-02-18** and also see the ***“Related Documents”*** tab

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program is offered annually (as funding permits) by the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Programs to fund community agencies providing services to homeless Veterans. The purpose is to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or supportive services with the goal of helping homeless Veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and/or income, and obtain greater self-determination.

For more information about VA grants, please visit the VA page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or va.gov/housing-assistance/#get-veterans-housing-assistance-grants

Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces (Adaptive Sports Grant Program)

Current Grant.gov close date: March 31, 2021

The Adaptive Sports Grant Program provides grants to eligible adaptive sports entities to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs to provide adaptive sports activities for Veterans and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities. For the purpose of this program, adaptive sports activities include: (1) instruction, participation, and competition in adaptive sports; (2) training and technical assistance to program administrators, coaches, recreation therapists, instructors, VA employees, and other appropriate individuals; (3) coordination, Paralympic classification of athletes, athlete assessment, sport-specific training techniques, program development (including programs at the local level), sports equipment, supplies, program evaluation, and other activities related to the implementation and operation of the program.

The primary goal for this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to ensure that appropriate levels of resources are provided to eligible adaptive sports entities with capabilities that are well-suited to meet the needs and priorities for Veterans with disabilities and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **VA-SPORTS-21** and also see the “**Related Documents**” tab or blogs.va.gov/nvspse/grant-program/

State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program

Current Grant.gov close date: April 15, 2021

Grants are available to State Governments for construction or renovations of State operated Veterans Extended Care Facilities. VA participation may not exceed 65% of the total project costs. Review governing regulation before submitting an application (38 CFR Part 59). If the state is submitting a new grant application, it must submit a complete initial application (Section A of the project checklist) on Grants.gov by April 15th in order to be eligible for listing on the Priority List for the next fiscal year. Once the complete initial application is retrieved from Grants.gov by Program Staff, the grant applicant will receive 1) an automated notification from Grants.gov confirming receipt by the Program and 2) an email from Program Staff indicating the application's FAI number and corresponding project page in MAX.gov for submission of subsequent items.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **VA-GRANTS-112508-002** and also see the “**Related Documents**” tab

GPD Special Need Grant

Current Grant.gov close date: May 5, 2021

The VA announces the availability of approximately \$5 million per year for 3 years in special need grants to eligible entities for per diem payments to facilitate housing stabilization for Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who are in one of the special need populations (i.e., chronically mentally ill, frail elderly, individuals who care for minor dependents, terminally ill, or women). This funding will provide assistance to cover operational costs, including costs that would not otherwise be incurred, but for the fact that the recipient is providing supportive housing beds in private rooms with private bathrooms for a homeless Veteran population with special needs. The funding will allow GPD grantees to continue to transform programs and to meet the challenges local communities face when providing services to certain populations of Veterans experiencing homelessness.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **VA-GPD-SN-FY2021** or va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp

GPD Capital Grant

Current Grant.gov close date: May 25, 2021

Made available via the CARES Act, the purpose of this program to increase safety and reduce the risk to Veterans in GPD transitional housing who otherwise would be experiencing homelessness. Mounting risks posed to vulnerable populations from public health concerns such as the coronavirus and other infectious diseases show a need to increase safety in transitional housing provided by GPD grantees. This funding will 1) allow current GPD grantees to improve the transitional housing they offer to Veterans resulting in less congregate housing and more individual unit style housing; 2) improve personal safety for Veterans, reduce risks

associated with close quarters living and increase the availability of individual unit style transitional housing; and 3) allow GPD grantees to continue to transform programs and to meet the challenges local communities face when providing safe spaces for Veterans experiencing homelessness.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **VA-GPD-CG-FY2021** or va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp

Veterans Cemetery Grants

Current Grants.gov close date: July 1, 2021

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Cemetery Grants Program was established in 1978 to complement VA's National Cemetery Administration. The program assists states, territories and federally recognized tribal governments in providing gravesites for Veterans in those areas where VA's national cemeteries cannot fully satisfy their burial needs. Grants may be used only for the purpose of establishing, expanding or improving Veterans cemeteries that are owned and operated by a state, federally recognized tribal government, or U.S. territory. Aid can be granted only to states, federally recognized tribal government, or U.S. territories. VA cannot provide grants to private organizations, counties, cities or other government agencies.

VA can now provide up to 100 percent of the development cost for an approved project. For establishment of new cemeteries, VA can provide for operating equipment. VA does not provide for acquisition of land. The value of the land cannot be considered as an "allowable cost" under the grant. States, territories and tribal governments are solely responsible for acquisition of the necessary land. Tribal governments cemeteries must be on tribal trust land.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **VA-GRANTS-NCA-FY2021** or cem.va.gov/grants/

Small Business Administration (SBA)

The SBA helps people start, build, and grow businesses. The SBA aims to protect the interests of small businesses, preserve free competitive enterprise, and maintain and strengthen the overall U.S. economy.

For more information about SBA funding programs, please visit the SBA page on grants.gov, sba.gov/funding-programs/grants, or sba.gov/covid-19-funding-sources/index.html

Veteran Business Outreach Center

Current Grants.gov close date: April 4, 2021

The Small Business Act provides for entrepreneurial training, business development assistance, counseling, and management assistance to small business owned and controlled by eligible veterans, as well as the authority to make grants to, and enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with education institutions, private businesses, veterans' nonprofit community-based organizations, and federal, state, local, and tribal government agencies for the

establishment of and implementation of outreach programs for veterans and service-disabled veterans.

*For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **SB-OVVB-21-001** or grantsolutions.gov/qs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=92281*

Additional Resources

Grants.gov Questions?

Contact the Grants.gov Support Center at 1-800-518-4726 (TTY: 301-240-6310), via [email](#), or visit the [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) website.

Beta.SAM

beta.SAM has replaced the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CDFA). It lists all federal grant opportunities and breaks them down by agency and identifier numbers. Like Grants.gov, you can view both ongoing and past grants. You cannot apply for federal grants via beta.SAM; the only place to apply for federal grants is Grants.gov

For more information, please visit: beta.sam.gov/

Congressional Research Service (CRS)

CRS contains guides to help grant applicants understand and complete their applications. These guides include:

- How to Develop and Write a Grant Proposal
- Resources for Grantseekers
- Federal Grants-in-Aid Administration: A Primer
- Community Development Block Grants and Related Programs: A Primer

For more information, please visit: crs.gov/

A-Z Index of U.S. Departments and Agencies

To better develop a grant proposal, search a department or agency's Home Page to learn more about its programs and objectives.

For more information, please visit: usa.gov/federal-agencies/a

Government Benefits, Grants, and Loans

Includes contracting with the U.S. government, international trade and exporting, and small business. See also financial assistance links at the Small Business Administration website:

sba.gov/funding-programs/grants

For more information, please visit: usa.gov/benefits-grants-loans

Student Aid (via Dept. of Education)

Information on funding education beyond high school, including grants, loans, and work-study assistance to qualified students.

For more information, please visit: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/

Benefits.gov (via Dept. of Labor)

Includes information on over 1,000 government assistance programs, and how to apply. Covers direct payment, loan, insurance, training, or other services.

For more information, please visit: benefits.gov/

FTC Consumer Alert (via Federal Trade Commission)

The FTC Consumer Alert warns consumers to beware of paying "processing fees" for information that is available free to the public. Ads claiming federal grants are available for home repairs, home business, unpaid bills, or other personal expenses are often a scam.

For more information, please visit: ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt134.shtm

OMB Grants Management Web Site (via Office of Management and Budget)

OMB establishes government-wide grants management policies and guidelines through circulars and common rules. OMB Circulars are cited in *Catalog* program descriptions and may be printed out full text.

For more information, please visit: whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/circulars/

Representative Spanberger's Office

If your organization needs our office's assistance or would like to request a letter of support for your grant proposal, please contact our Grants Coordinator, Shawn Meredith, at shawn.meredith@mail.house.gov.